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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

**SUBJECT:** Governor's FY 2023 Budget (H7123)

### [Article 13 - Human Services](#)

#### [ARPA Proposals Article 1 Section 16 as follows:](#)

- Nonprofit Assistance
- Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence
- Child Care Support
- RIBridges Mobile and Child Care Tracking

### **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

#### **House Bill No. [7177](#)**

**BY Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Casimiro, Biah, Cassar, Ruggiero, Slater, Alzate, Bennett ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT {LC4085/1} (Provides that childcare is part of an early learning program and is an essential program supporting the state's workforce and a strong state economy.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

#### **House Bill No. [7550](#)**

**BY Hull, Slater, Diaz, J Lombardi, Alzate, Williams**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC4873/1} (Requires DHS to disburse \$18,700,000 in \$1,500 amounts total, \$250 per month for 6 months as retention bonuses to direct care staff at childcare centers/licensed family providers.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, article and/or section number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

**Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.**

**This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website.**

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HFIN.aspx>

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

**\*DEADLINE: Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. For phone testimony, the deadline to register is 4:00 pm the day prior. To register, complete the [FORM](#) or sign-up in person with the committee clerk.**

**Masks are mandatory in committee hearings and in the State House.**

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called and in some cases, it may be at a late hour. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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